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FREE TOW TRUCK SERVICE AVAILABLE IN VENTURA COUNTY

OXNARD/VENTURA – The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) has implemented a tow truck service patrol to assist stranded motorists on the Ventura Freeway (U.S. 101) between Del Norte Boulevard in the city of Oxnard and Telephone Road in the city of Ventura.

The hours for the free service are 6 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday through Friday and 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday.

The purpose of the service, which is being offered in partnership with the California Highway Patrol (Ventura), is to quickly repair or remove disabled vehicles from the freeway to improve safety and relieve freeway congestion during construction of the U.S. 101 Improvement Project from Vineyard Avenue in Oxnard to Johnson Drive in Ventura.

The project, which began in 2002, is expected to complete fall 2007. Major components include construction of a full diamond interchange at Oxnard Boulevard, adding northbound and southbound lanes to U.S. 101 and constructing a new bridge over the Santa Clara River.

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